(c) how it would help in Navigation Guidance System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) Bharat Electronics has developed an integrated fish finder and navigation guided system which basically consists of a global positioning system receiver and an echo-sounder. The global positioning system is an electronic device receiving satellite transmissions to determine the geographical position of the platform on which it is located, which in the case of fishing is a boat. It can also be pre-programmed to enable the boat to be navigated to a pre-determined position.

Investment by France in Indian defence sector

2630.PROF.A.LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that France has shown interest in investing in the Indian defence sector;

(b) if so, what are the areas in defence sector in which France is interested to invest;

(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No proposal for investment in the Indian Defence Sector by France has been received.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indians languishing in foreign jails

2631. SHRI CO. POULOSE:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians languishing in foreign jails, particularly in US, UK and other developed countries; and

(b) in compari: on to the activities of foreign embassies to get release of their citizens from the Indian jails, what role Indian Embassies have nlayed to get release the Indians from the jails in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Accroding to Government's information, at present there arc 6779 Indian citizens imprisoned in various foreign countries. A Statement of number